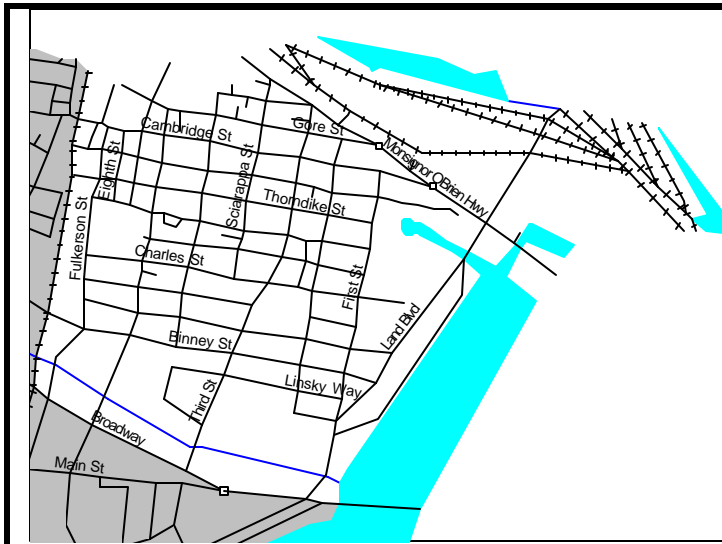
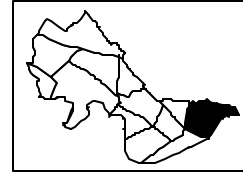


# NEIGHBORHOOD 1

## EAST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,783 residents  
2,726 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$30,281

Neighborhood #1 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Five of the six target crimes have recorded significant increases in East Cambridge over the first three quarters of 2001. The only target crime with lower numbers was **larceny from motor vehicles**, which recorded a 20% decrease for the first nine months of the year. There were thirty-six larcenies in this neighborhood between June and September, accounting for more than half of the incidents. The majority of the incidents usually occurred overnight by means of breaking a window to gain access. ? **Malicious destruction** experienced the highest increase in numbers, partly due to the high amount of destruction done to motor vehicles. Three different cars parked in the Kennedy School lot during school hours at the end of July through late August had their windows smashed, but nothing had been taken. ? Of the twelve **street robberies** this quarter, two resulted in arrests when a subtenant of the victim stole an air conditioner and after a domestic dispute. ? **Housebreaks** increased 19%, where perpetrators gained access to many 1<sup>st</sup> floor homes by pushing in a window screen and/or an air conditioner. Of the thirty-one incidents over the past nine months, one arrest was made after a homeless man broke into his daughter's apartment with another homeless woman. ? Of the seven **drug arrests** in East Cambridge during the third quarter, three occurred at the Cambridge Galleria. One arrest was the result of a warrant check, one as a result of suspicious activity, and the last as a result of shoplifting.

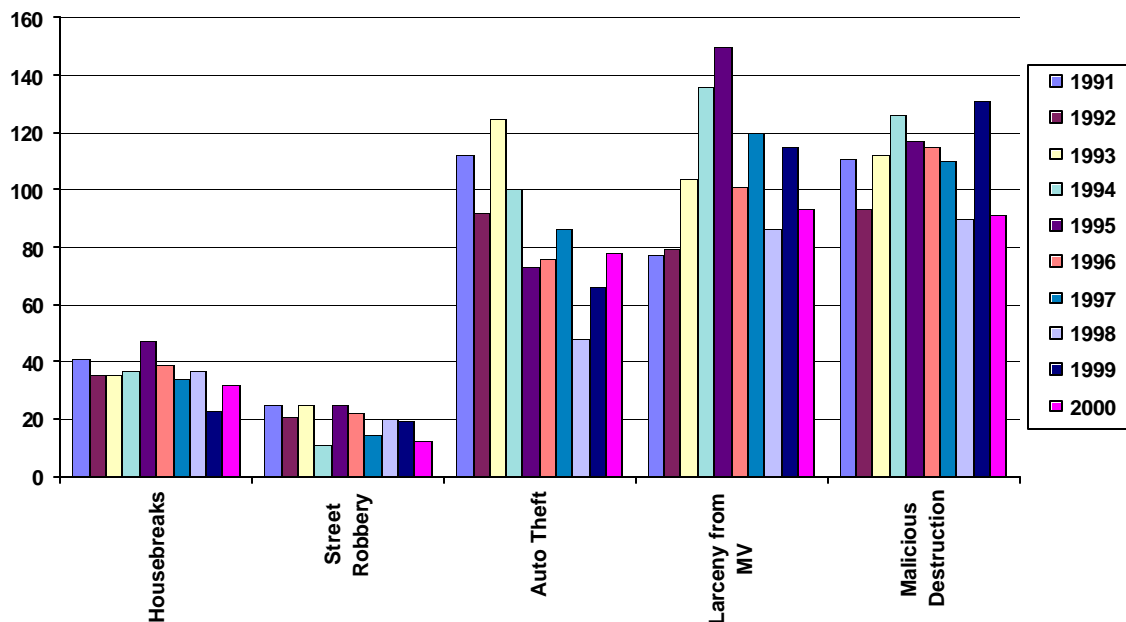
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	26	31	+ 19%
Street Robbery	10	12	+ 20%
Auto Theft	47	56	+ 19%
Larceny from MVs	76	61	- 20%
Malicious Destruction	60	87	+ 45%
Drug Arrests	7	7	N/A

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest numbers here, of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	7
Street Robbery	10	11	20	4	6
Auto Theft	156	2	85	1	2
Larceny from MVs	121	5	107	1	2
Malicious Destruction	118	5	114	1	4

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest